



## ST JUDE'S PARISH, SCORESBY

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Member of Knox Deanery



## Second Sunday of Advent —Year A

4th December 2022

Weekday Mass this week

Tuesday 6th December Anointing Mass at 11am

Wednesday 7th December, Thursday 8 December & Friday 9 December at 9.15am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am

Reconciliation by appointment (contact Fr Mark or Fr Samuel at Parish Office)

Some Advent/Christmas thoughts from Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran theologian most famous probably from his wonderful book 'The cost of Discipleship.' He was a staunch opponent of Hitler and the Nazi movement and was hanged in April 1945. Another of his wonderful books is entitled 'God is in the Manger.' Below are a few quotes that might help our Advent reflection.



*"Jesus stands at the door knocking (Rev. 3:20). In total reality, he comes in the form of the beggar, of the dissolute human child in ragged clothes, asking for help. He confronts you in every person that you meet. As long as there are people, Christ will walk the earth as your neighbour, as the one through whom God calls you, speaks to you, makes demands on you. That is the great seriousness and great blessedness of the Advent message. Christ is standing at the door, the lives in the form of a human being among us."*

*"Who among us will celebrate Christmas correctly? Whoever finally lays down all power, all honor, all reputation, all vanity, all arrogance, all individualism beside the manger; whoever remains lowly and lets God alone be high; whoever looks at the child in the manger and sees the glory of God precisely in his lowliness."*

*"The Advent season is a season of waiting, but our whole life is an Advent season, that is, a season of waiting for the last Advent, for the time when there will be a new heaven and a new earth."*

*"We have become so accustomed to the idea of divine love and of God's coming at Christmas that we no longer feel the shiver of fear that God's coming should arouse in us. We are indifferent to the message, taking only the pleasant and agreeable out of it and forgetting the serious aspect, that the God of the world draws near to the people of our little earth and lays claim to us."*

**St Jude's Parish community, is committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards & acknowledge that child safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**

### OUR PARISH OFFICE

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### SERVICES & CONTACTS

Community Centre

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Liturgy Group

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St. Vincent De Paul

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Tennis Club

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Bible Study

Xavier David 0448 766 705

Parish Pastoral Council

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### PARISH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

St Jude's Primary

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Holy Trinity Primary

Mr Adrian Scutt 9801 8296

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Ms Amanda Purcell 9800 2733

Mater Christi College

Ms Maria Haggitt 9754 6611

St Joseph's College

Ms Cathy Livingston 9758 2000

## *Serve the Lord with Joy*

### **First Reading: Is 11:1-10**

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots:  
on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight,  
a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.  
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)  
He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay,  
but judges the wretched with integrity,  
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.  
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked.  
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.  
The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid,  
calf and lion cub feed together  
with a little boy to lead them.  
The cow and the bear make friends,  
their young lie down together.  
The lion eats straw like the ox.  
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;  
into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand.  
They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain,  
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.  
That day, the root of Jesse  
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.  
It will be sought out by the nations  
and its home will be glorious.

### **Second Reading: Rom 15:4-9**

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

### **Gospel: Mt 3:1-12**

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'



We welcome into our Parish Family through the  
**Sacrament of Baptism: Norah Johnson,  
Mason & Oliver Warner, Logan Edwards,  
Meadow & Bodhi Bond, Kobe Samuels.**

We ask for the peace and grace of Eternal Life for **Brian Eaton,  
Anthony Palumbo** and for those whose memories are sacred to  
us at this time especially:

**Molly Nelson, Roman Syrek, John Hill, Eustacchio Uberti, Oliver  
Buckle, John Martinuo, Stephen McMahon, Wilfred Amarant,  
Martin Boek, Carmine Di Gioacchino.**

## Serve the Lord with Joy

### Second Sunday of Advent: Hope

It is now a cliché for churches to write All Welcome on signs and flyers. While we probably believe it, just writing 'all welcome' isn't enough. It doesn't necessarily mean that strangers will be included, and it certainly doesn't mean that outsiders will be heard and valued.

In a world of so much inequity, we need 'all hands on deck' to assist in God's mission. Welcoming new people isn't for our benefit, but for the benefit of the world.

*Still our spirits, so we can hear the needs of the world. Give us your heart and mind.*

*Help us to develop compassion for those who mourn.*

*Heal and make whole those who suffer from trauma and the anxiety of separation.*

*Answer the groanings of those who do not yet know how to pray with mercy.*

*Restore those who have lost their resources and refill their lives with blessing.*

*May we become sources of their encouragement.*

*Send your Spirit upon those who face violence and conflict.*

*Hold fast to those who cling to your promises.*

*Amplify the efforts to bring peace – challenge the hearts of the greedy and bless the generous.*

*Love the World and Love your People, just as you call us to love You and One another.*

*Open us to SHALOM in new ways, with new understandings and new relationships.*

*Make us people of peace in your name.*

**Second Sunday of Advent** **Peace through food rations**



It's been 11 years since the civil war broke out in Syria with thousands of families still living in neighbouring countries like Jordan. But as the cost-of-living increases, many refugee families are struggling to earn enough money to put food on the table.

Act for Peace's local partner, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR), supports Syrian refugees by providing vital food rations along with psychosocial care. **Please give today.**

**CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl](http://actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl)**

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

### CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2022

**Parish Advent Reconciliation: Tuesday 13th December at 7.30pm**

**Christmas Eve Masses—Saturday 24th December 2022**

**6pm Mass (Carols begin at 5.30pm)**

**9pm Mass (Carols begin at 8.30pm)**

**Christmas Day Masses—Sunday 25th December 2022**

**8.30am & 10.30am Masses**



#### St Vincent de Paul Piety Stall News

Available for purchase at the **Piety Stall** are packs of **10 Majellan Christmas Cards** for \$8 and the beautifully illustrated **Columban Calendar** \$10 each.

#### *A Visit to the Blessed Sacrament*

*Silent Eucharistic adoration as a chance to encounter Christ in a way that can "really change our lives".*  
- Cardinal Robert Sarah

*We usually are open from Tuesday-Friday, 9am-4pm*

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## St Vincent de Paul Christmas Giving Tree:



The Giving Tree®

As always, we will be collecting **Gift Cards** and **Gift Vouchers**. These will be distributed to families which creates the pleasure of buying suitable gifts for their families. Suggested gift vouchers, Big W, Kmart, Target, JB-HiFi, Village Cinema etc. **Please note we will not be collecting toys.**

Please take a gift card tag from the Christmas Tree in the Church Foyer and attach it to the envelope or as wrapping for the gift card. Please write **Vinnies Christmas Vouchers** and seal it. Collection boxes will be located in the Church Foyer. Alternatively, please leave it at the Parish Office. Please note **Gift Cards** need to be **returned by 16th December** enabling us time to deliver the same to disadvantaged families before Christmas.

For further information please contact Parish Office on 9763 7302 who will direct you to one of the **St Vincent de Paul** members. As always, the **St Vincent de Paul Scoresby Conference** appreciates your generosity and efforts at this time of the year.

Thank you, St Vincent de Paul Scoresby Conference



## Christmas Choir

St Jude's Parish would like to invite the children of the Parish to join the Christmas Eve's Choir on:

### Christmas Eve

Saturday, 24th December 2022

Carols at **5.30pm** (please arrive at 5.15pm)

Followed by **Mass at 6pm**

Please contact Adina on 0410 779 258 or the Parish Office on 9763 7302 to register.



## St Jude's School Carols by Candlelight

**Thursday**  
**8th December 2022**  
**at 6.30pm**  
**St Jude's Primary**  
**School Oval**  
**Bring a blanket,**  
**pack a picnic &**  
**join in the singing.**



**Thank you** to all those **volunteers** who gave their time to assist with the **Sausage Sizzle** last weekend. The community spirit is alive and well at St Jude's and it was yet again another successful day of fundraising for our parish.



**ST SIMON'S & ST JUDE'S YOUTH GROUP—CHRISTMAS PARTY!** Year 5 to Year 10 students on **Sunday 18th December at 5.30-7pm**. Where: St Simon's Parish Centre, 2 Taylors Lane, Rowville What: Games, crafts, volleyball tournament, face painting music & dancing! Dinner will be provided. A \$5 donation is most welcome. Please scan the QR code to pre-register or go to <https://stsimonsparish.com.au/youth-groups> or 0491 176 149. (Flyers in Church Foyer)

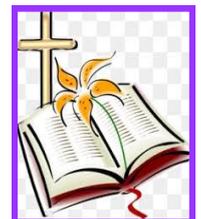


## St Jude's Parish—Liturgy Roster

### Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Is 35:1-6 10, Second Reading Jas 5:7-10 & Gospel Mt 11:2-11

10 / 11 December	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am
Readers	Max Connors Thomas Chan	Eska Ta Prema Pinto	Louise Cooper Linda Lampa
Mass Projector	Diyen Hettiarachchi	Megan Pinto	Audrey/Isabelle Raj
Children's Liturgy	Leenana & Jacklin		
Altar Society	Aneeta Anthony		
Church Cleaner	Filomena Uberti & Lucielle Everetts		



**Thank you to all those who "Serve the Lord with Joy" by participating in these rosters.**

**Please view the COVID Safe Plan for St Jude's displayed on the entry doors of the church.**